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Convention Board Elects Officers And Executive Committee

New officers and an executive committee were elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board at its post-convention session Tuesday, November 25, at the Baptist Building in Jackson. From left, seated: President, Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo; vice-president, Rev. J. R. Davis, Batesville; recording secretary, Dr. Bob Simmons, Meridian (re-elected); executive secretary, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins; convention president, (ex officio), Dr. John G. Mc-

Call, Vicksburg. Standing: Glenn Perry, Philadelphia, (re-elected); Rev. James Metts, Indianola; Rev. Estus Mason, Crystal Springs (re-elected); Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson; Dr. David Grant, Jackson; Dr. George Purvis, physician, Jackson, (re-elected.) The executive committee met later and elected officers, as follows: Chairman, Dr. Kelly; Vice-chairman, Dr. Purvis, and recording secretary, Dr. Simmons, (re-elected).

Chafin Will Speak At Mission 70

ATLANTA, Ga.—Kenneth L. Chafin, professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, will be one of three speakers at Mission 70, a conference on world missions and church-related vocations to be held at Atlanta's Civic Center, Dec. 28-31. The other two speakers will be Houston Pastor, Bill Lawson and NBC newsmen John Chancellor.

Mission 70 is expected to draw 4500 college and seminary students and young adults. Already more than 1500 young adults have registered for the conference.

Chafin has called for all Southern Baptists to join together in prayer that "the Holy Spirit will accomplish more at Mission 70 than the speakers do." "The greatest need is for Southern Baptists to pray that the spirit of God will transcend the program that has been planned. Atlanta could be a haystack prayer meeting, but it will not be if the speakers are depended on," Chafin explained.

He will speak at the final service on New Year's Eve. His theme will be "Your Next Step with God." "These kids will be more of a mission field than missionaries," Chafin said. He is assuming that many of the young people who attend will be searching for "faith for their survival."

Long a favorite with college and seminary audiences, Chafin said he will "plead with the kids to get themselves in a spiritual condition to hear God call them."

Chafin is head of the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism at Southern and has very definite ideas about effective evangelism for the 70's. "I'm very convinced that the gospel is for modern man," Chafin said. "The people who are panicky about the 70's are in trouble." "Effective evangelism has to realize the context in which it is existing and working. Too, it has to realize what word it has from God and it has to give its best energies in bringing together the secular world and God's world."

Twin Conventions Set For Dec. 29-30

Dr. Philip B. Harris of Nashville, Tenn., and Ron Willis of Oakland, Cal., will be featured speakers during twin conventions to be held in Jackson, December 29-30.

One convention has been planned for Training Union workers in the state and the other for Intermediates and young people.

Dr. Harris, who will speak twice on Tuesday to the Leadership Convention, is secretary of the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and is author of the administration books for Training Union.

Willis, whose work in the Haight-Asbury District of San Francisco is sponsored by the Home Mission Board, is pastor of Golden Gate Baptist Church, Oakland.

This dynamic young missionary-pastor was featured in the August 1968 Home Missions Magazine and has spoken at Student Retreats both at Glorieta and Ridgecrest Assemblies.

The Leadership Convention will center primarily on conference sessions for the training of all who have leadership positions in their church training programs. Conferences have been planned for all age-groups.

Three separate conferences will be offered to general officers this year in order to give maximum help to the churches. Dr. Joe Davis Heacock of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will lead a conference for directors of church training and pastors; Charles L. Norton, Training Union director for Tennessee, the con-

ference for directors of new member orientation; and Jimmy Crowe, consultant in administration with the Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board, a conference for directors of leadership training.

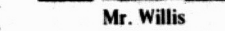
Other conference leaders include Clyde Hall, Tommy Dixon, and Bill King of the Texas Training Union Department leading conference for adults, young people's workers, and Junior workers; Miss Mary Allen and Mrs. Jesse Meek of the Tennessee Training Union Department, Intermediates and primary workers; Miss Hazel Morris of Jackson, beginner workers; and Mrs. Joe H. Barber of Columbus, nursery workers.

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News Analysis

State Conventions Act On Education, Vietnam

By Jim Newton
For The Baptist Press

Three major issues dominated sessions of 29 Baptist state conventions during late October and November, with one or more of these three issues cropping up in 20 out of the 29 conventions:

—The increasing difficulty of adequate financial support for Baptist colleges, and the related aspect of federal aid to Baptist institutions.

—Doctrinal matters, including policies on accepting messengers from churches that practice "alien immersion," and convention actions reaffirming the Baptist Faith and Message. Statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963 and 1925.

—The war in Vietnam, with nearly a dozen Baptist state conventions adopting resolutions supporting to some extent the policies of President Richard M. Nixon.

With almost amazing repetition, the 29 Baptist state conventions dealt with one or more of these issues. To read reports from the meetings was almost like hearing a broken record

repeating the same things over and over.

These weren't the only issues, though. Each convention had its own concerns, and each was uniquely different. There were other similarities, however.

About eight conventions dealt with major constitutional changes or restructure study reports. A half dozen took differing actions on sex education in public schools. Another half-dozen condemned businesses that remain open on Sunday, and still another half-dozen opposed legislation or elections concerning liquor by the drink.

The 1969 Baptist state conventions could be described generally as "conservative," although no one objective or label could appropriately apply to all.

More conventions passed resolutions on the Vietnam war than any other single issue. Eleven different state conventions adopted resolutions that most often commended President Richard Nixon for his efforts to find a just and honorable peace to the

war, and assured him of Baptist prayers.

Two conventions — Hawaii and North Carolina — refused to approve resolutions supporting the established procedures for conscientious objectors, while Texas Baptists approved its Christian Life Commission

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Mississippi Baptist Leader Dies In Jackson Of Heart Attack

Rev. Lincoln D. Newman, 69, of 4541 Whitehaven Dr., Jackson, died suddenly of a heart attack Sunday morning in Hinds General Hospital in Jackson.

Mr. Newman was until his retirement four years ago, director of juvenile rehabilitation for the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

A native of Double Springs, Ala., he was reared in Birmingham. He was a graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., (now Samford University) and later attended Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

In Alabama he served as chaplain of the Birmingham Baptist Hospital, superintendent of missions for the old Coosa River Baptist Association and as pastor of several churches.

Mr. Newman came to Mississippi as southern area missionary, one of three such in the state at that time,

and served in that capacity for several years.

A resident of Jackson for the past nine years, he came to the Capital city as director of juvenile rehabilitation for the Convention Board.

Since his retirement from the Convention Board he has served in World Missions Conferences for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board and held revivals.

He was a member of Van Winkle Baptist Church in Jackson.

Survivors are his wife, the former Irene Shirley; two daughters, Mrs. Louis G. Neuner of Alexandria, Va., and Mrs. Ronald A. Herrington of Columbia; four grandchildren, George and Stephen Neuner of Alexandria, Va., and Ronald, Jr. and Benjamin Lincoln Herrington of Columbia; two sisters, Mrs. Mazie Friel and Mrs. Lola Walton, both of Birmingham.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Van Winkle Baptist Church with Rev. Herman A. Milner pastor, officiating.

Interment services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Birmingham.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Home Missions, in care of Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.



FOREIGN students from several colleges in the state were present for the International Houseparty held during the Thanksgiving holidays at Camp Garaywa, sponsored by the WMU and the Department of Student Work. In photo at left Rev. Ralph B. Winters, director of Student Department, has fellowship with three students, from left: Mr. Winters; Fabiola Fonseca, from Ecuador, BMC student; D. M. Pani, from India, Ole Miss student, and Jimmy Palmer, Miss. State, USA. In picture at right several leaders



are seen, from left: Gene Triggs, assistant director, international services, Mississippi Chemical Corp., Yazoo City, speaker; Dr. Edwin Robinson, W.M.U. executive secretary; Mrs. Billy Nimmons, and Rev. Billy Nimmons, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Starkville, host and hostess for the event. Standing in rear are the three Nimmons children, Glenda, Deborah and Truett.

Public Hearings Set On SBC Representation

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Executive Committee's bylaws subcommittee has scheduled an open hearing on whether the Southern Baptist Convention should change its system of representation of churches at the annual convention.

The open hearing will be held at the Southern Baptist Convention Building here, 400 James Robertson Parkway, at 8:30 a.m., Dec. 11, 1969.

R. F. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Durham, N. C., and chairman of the bylaws subcommittee of the SBC Executive Committee's administrative committee, has called the public hearing.

Smith said that all persons wishing to appear before the committee "are cordially invited and urged to be present."

Smith added that persons unable to appear personally but have information they would like the committee to consider "are urged to send immediately such information to the attention of Dr. Porter Routh." Routh is executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee.

Last June, the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans adopted a motion presented by Robert Alley of Richmond, asking that the SBC Executive Committee "be instructed to undertake immediately a thorough study to provide a basis of change in representation for the Southern Baptist Convention."

No guidelines were given to the

Executive Committee by the convention on what changes should be made.

Since the convention, however, numerous Baptist state papers have carried editorials or articles with suggested changes.

Some have argued that the convention, with 33,000 churches and a potential of at least one "messenger" representing each church, and up to ten messengers from some churches, is too large to conduct business in a democratic fashion.

Attendance at the New Orleans convention broke all previous records, with 16,678 registered messengers from Southern Baptist churches present. The crowds were so large that many could not find hotel rooms, or

seats in the convention auditorium.

Some editorials and articles have suggested that the 60-member Executive Committee be expanded to a larger body, perhaps as many as 300 members, and that it, rather than the convention, conduct most of the business for the 11-million member denomination.

Other proposals have included the idea of "regional" conventions in various sections of the country, and a national convention only periodically.

These and other proposals will be discussed in detail during the open hearing. Information and ideas discussed in the hearing will be taken into consideration by the bylaws committee when it makes its recommendations and report to the full Executive Committee, in 1970.

Twin Meets Set Dec. 29-30

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fee house each evening with performing groups, teen interest conferences, youth testimonies, the convention youth ensemble; a new brass ensemble, dramatic presentations, youth choirs from the churches, featured youth guest pianists and soloists at each session of the convention, John Bewley, magician-ventriloquist who will be responsible for recreational interludes in the program, the recreational facilities of Broadmoor Church open following the session Monday night and Jennings Pool, staff artist of Ralph Station WLBT who will be presenting two theme interpretations during the sessions Tuesday.

Muller Music Coordinator
Charles Muller of Woodland Hills of Radio Station WLBT who will be music coordinator for the convention; Jack Lyall of Mississippi College director of the youth conference ensemble; Aubrey Gaskins of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, director of the brass ensemble; and Billy Jack Green of Daniel Memorial, Jackson, coordinator for the folk musical.

David Larrimore of Tupelo and Verne Taylor of Laurel will be song leaders. Ted Beverly of Mobile, Alabama and David Smitherman of Jackson will be organists for the Youth Convention and pianist for the Leadership Convention.

Round-Up Of States

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age was prorated against the capital funds part of the budget, convention officials reported. The 1970 budget was adopted with the stipulation that SBC causes would continue to get a net of 35 percent of the gifts should the budget not be met in future years.

A \$1 million federal loan to Samford University here from the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a second unit for its student union building was approved by the convention. A spokesman for the convention said that Samford has previously received other loans from HUD, and that this is "nothing new."

The convention also approved a \$70,000 loan from private sources for Mobile College, Mobile, Ala., and a \$300,000 loan for a new modern hotel at Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly, near Talladega, Ala.

In a major address, Harry Philpott, president of Auburn University, Auburn, predicted that in the next decade, some form of support from the government will be required for the continuous existence of Baptist educational institutions.

Philpott, a Baptist, said: "Our task will be to devise programs which will safeguard, so far as possible, the administration of our schools in private hands and which will draw a clear line of distinction between activities which are religious in character and those which are common to the education experience of all students."

East End Calls Pastor

Rev. Henry Applegate is the new pastor of East End Church, Columbus. He has held pastorates in Arkansas, namely, Jonesboro, Palestine, Osceola, West Memphis, and Blytheville.

During his pastorates, many building programs have been instituted and completed. His last pastorate was the New Liberty Church, Blytheville, Arkansas.

He is married to the former Jorene Barren of Paragould, Arkansas, and they have two sons, David, 12, and Douglas, 6. His father, David C. Applegate, has pastored several churches in Arkansas, and his brother, D. C. Applegate, is presently pastor of the First Baptist Church, Starkville, Mississippi.

He attended Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, Arkansas State College, Jonesboro, Arkansas, and has some extension work from New Orleans and Midwestern Seminaries.

He has been very active in the Baptist work in the associations, serving as moderator, vice-moderator, and chairman of evangelism.



All Smiles About Missions Involvement

These Royal Ambassadors from Eau Claire Church, Columbia, S. C. have experienced the joy of missions involvement. In the photograph they present a check in the amount of \$110.54 to State Brotherhood Director John A. Farmer to be forwarded to the Mississippi Baptist Convention to aid in relief of Hurricane Camille victims.

These boys, representing the six RA chapters at Eau Claire, were among the 390 South Carolina RAs who made the trip to the National Royal Ambassador Congress in August, 1968. They spent a day at Gulfshore Assembly (Pass Christian, Mississippi) which was virtually destroyed this summer by the hurricane.

The RAs did not conduct a special drive but they pooled their accumulated missions offerings and participated in several work projects to raise the money.

Left to right are Cary Becknell, Bill Hughes, Lon Ready, John Farmer, Ken Parker, Steve Jackson, and Lex Jones.

Bill Montague is Royal Ambassador leader at Eau Claire.



Baptism In Vietnam

By Sgt. Haus Kooy

PLEIKU AB, Republic of Vietnam (TAF)—Nearby Lake Bien Ho will always be remembered by Air Force Staff Sergeant Billy R. Rounsaville, above, right, of Columbus, Miss. It was this lake in which the security policeman was baptized by immersion by Chaplain (Captain) Cecil E. Gholston of New Albany, Miss., above, left. Chaplain Gholston is a Southern Baptist chaplain stationed here. Lake Bien Ho has the only waters available for baptism by immersion in the area. "It takes a great faith and genuine courage for a man to risk his life in a combat zone to be baptized and to witness for Christ as this man has done," stated Chaplain Gholston. —(U. S. Air Force Photo by Sgt. Terry Hand)

Village Announces Annual Christmas Choral Concert

The Baptist Children's Village presents 130 of its boys and girls in an annual concert of Christmas choral music on Saturday evening, December 6, at 7:30 p.m., according to Mrs. Curtis Nix, director of the Department of Music At The Village. "Christmas Sparkles At The Village", the permanent name of the occasion, in its fifth annual presentation, will be staged in Hester Activities Building on the Village campus on Flag Chapel Drive in Northwest Jackson. There is no charge for admission, and all friends of The Village are cordially invited to attend.

In commenting upon the growing popularity of the concert, Mrs. Nix revealed that from its beginning in December of 1965, "Christmas Sparkles At The Village" has grown as a seasonal attraction to its 1968 audience of an estimated 1750 people. The 1969 announcement suggests that 130 boys and girls who are in campus care at the Village will offer choral music, sacred and secular, along with music skits, all appropriate to the season in a 75-minute program.

Men's Meet Set Up For 1971 In Atlanta, Ga.

Three major agencies have teamed to make the Third National Conference of Baptist Men one of the major Southern Baptist highlights of 1971, reported George W. Schroeder, executive secretary - treasurer of the Brotherhood Commission.

"The Brotherhood Commission has reached agreement with the two mission agencies to hold the conference Oct. 6-8, 1971 in Atlanta," Schroeder said after meeting with Dr. Arthur Rutledge, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, and Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

To accommodate the 5,000 men expected to attend the three-day meeting, the Brotherhood Commission has reserved the Atlanta Civic Auditorium.

Staff members of the commission already are at work securing speakers and making plans for the conference, Schroeder said.

"We will provide three days of mission experiences for the men who attend this conference with a major emphasis on laymen's needs and responsibilities in meeting mission challenges of our time."

Revivals In Mexico

Revivals in the Mexican state of Yucatan, Campeche, Tabasco, and in the territory of Quintana Roo, prompted 938 professions of faith in 18 of the 27 churches and missions participating. Rev. Ervin E. Hastey, Southern Baptist missionary who is director of evangelism for the National Baptist Convention of Mexico, said at the time of his report that he did not have figures for the other nine churches which participated. One television and eight radio broadcasts supplemented the campaign in Merida, capital of Yucatan, where Mr. Hastey preached. He reported 136 professions there.

'Camille' Offerings Reach \$741,598.01

Hurricane Camille relief offerings being sent through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board reached \$741,598.01 through Dec. 1.

This is an increase of \$3,388.76 since the last report given on Nov. 24. The offering will go to the Baptist churches and people in south Mississippi who suffered such extensive damage from Hurricane Camille which struck the Coast on Sunday night, August 17.

Other churches or individuals still wishing to contribute may do so by sending their funds to Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.



Valley Hill Breaks Ground

November 1, Valley Hill, near Greenwood, broke ground to build an educational building, 30' x 72', planned and geared for the 70's. Dennis Coniff, Jr., Building Consultant of the Sunday School Dept., aided in getting the floor plan for this new building. This work is still new, with a building program last year, then another this year. The pastor is Rev. George Jones. Pictured above are the Building Committee, the trustees, some of the deacons, and the pastor. (Not pictured is one member of the Building Committee, Wallace McDaniel.)

New Sardis To Build Pastorium



New Sardis Church, Smith County, recently held groundbreaking services for a new pastorium.



Calvary Church Holds Ordination, Noteburning, And Groundbreaking

Calvary Church, Scott Association, recently held deacon ordination service, noteburning, and groundbreaking, all in one afternoon.

On Sunday, November 2, at 3:00 p.m. Billy Mack Stubbs, pictured, was ordained as deacon. The ordination sermon was preached by Reverend Roy Clark, with Reverend Elton Barlow giving the charges. The Bible, a gift from the church, was presented by Floyd Barfield, senior deacon. Rev. Ronald Foshee, pastor, presided. Billy Mack is church treasurer, and he and his wife and two children are active members in the full progna of their church.

Immediately following the ordination service, the congregation moved to the outside where the noteburning ceremony and groundbreaking were held. Calvary Church, which has a present membership of 54, was organized in September, 1966, and the following year a brick building was erected. Te burning of the note signified that the \$8,000 indebtedness on that building has now been paid in full. Ground was then broken for a

pastorium which is to be built near the church. Construction on this is now well underway. The service was concluded with the group singing "To God Be The Glory." Pictured above, top photo, the pastor, Rev. Ronald Foshee, holds the note as Sonny Stubbs, deacon and member of the church building committee, lights it. Shown holding the shovel, bottom photo, are members of the Pastorium Building Committee, Rev. Roy Clark, Johnie Brittain, Mr. Foshee, and Billy Mack Stubbs. Members of this committee not present are Albert Harkey, Chairman, and Jimmy Stokes.

Called To South Carolina

Rev. Malcolm Jones, former pastor of First Church, Houston, Miss., has accepted a call to become pastor of the Monaghan Church, Greenville, South Carolina, with a membership of 1,000.

Mr. Jones moved to Houston in February, 1965, from Gulf Gardens Church, Gulfport, where he had served as pastor since 1960.

He is married to the former Peggy Mae Sanders of Iuka. They have five daughters. A native of Hopewell, Miss., he was reared in Tennessee, and graduated from Union University and New Orleans Seminary. Other former pastorates include Leesburg and Ridgeland.

Concord Honors Retired Pastor On 85th Birthday

On Nov. 16, Concord Church (Tippah) honored Rev. Joe Crawford, retired, former pastor for 24 years, with a birthday dinner and testimonial appreciation day on his 85th birthday. Mr. Crawford has served northeast Mississippi for over 50 years and many former members of churches in his pastorates were present to pay honor.

The host church presented a gift certificate and large birthday cake in the shape of a Bible. After a large noon meal, old hymns were sung by the choir and former song leaders in his pastorates. Mr. Crawford is still active in Concord Church and takes a large part in all church activities. Rev. Robert Walker is present pastor.

Shady Grove Honors Senior Citizens

Shady Grove Church, Route 1, Hazlehurst, honored their senior citizens with many activities on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 28, 29, and 30. A revival service was held each evening at 7:00. On Saturday at noon the WMU sponsored a "Rocking Chair Luncheon" for all the retired members of their church.

Saturday Night each person was asked to dress in olden style. Sunday, lunch was served at the church with everyone bringing a well filled basket. Sunday night, following the evening services, an Adult fellowship was held with the young people in charge of refreshments.

Rev. S. G. Pope of McComb was visiting evangelist, Edd Bush of Crystal Springs served as music director, with Miss Ethel Allen of Hazlehurst at the piano. Rev. H. Glen Schilling is pastor.

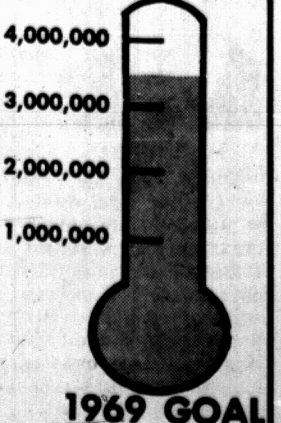
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Foreign Mission Board Joins Baptist Press News Network

RICHMOND (BP)—The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention will join the Baptist Press news network effective Jan. 1, 1970, with creation of a Baptist press bureau here to cover foreign missions news around the world.

W. C. Fields, director of Baptist Press with offices in Nashville, and Jesse Fletcher, director of the missions support division of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, made the announcement jointly.

Fletcher, as acting public relations director for the board, will serve as bureau chief for Baptist Press here until the board elects a public relations director in the mission support division, said Fields.

Baptist Press, the daily news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, also has regional offices in Atlanta, Dallas and Washington, and a bureau at the Sunday School Board in Nashville. The national office, which Fields directs, is connected with the Executive Committee of the SBC.

Both Fletcher and Fields said they felt the new Baptist Press bureau here will be a "significant step forward for all of us," and will "add a new dimension to the denomination's total outreach."

Fletcher said plans call for increased efforts to cover Baptist foreign mission efforts on an international scale.

Copy will be sent by teletypewriter exchange (TWX) from the Richmond bureau to the national office in Nashville where it will be edited for Baptist Press style and distributed to news media across the country, as well as abroad.

In the past, the Foreign Mission Board has maintained its own news service, rather than channeling its news through Baptist Press.

Fields said that the opening of the bureau here would greatly strengthen Baptist Press as a total denominational news service, providing coverage of one of the most important aspects of the entire denomination's program — foreign missions.

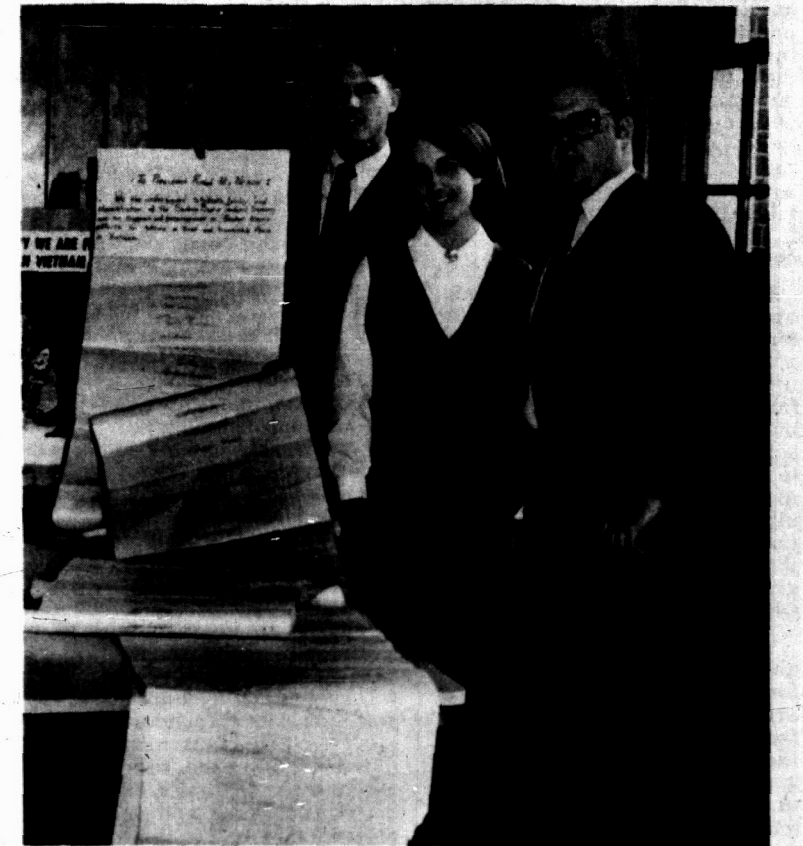
Fletcher said that he felt that the wide acceptance of Baptist Press would enable the Foreign Mission Board to receive broader news coverage in the future.

Fletcher added that when the board

approved creation of the Baptist Press bureau; they also elected Missione Gray, director of press relations, to the newly-created position of international editor and writer. Mike Dixon is senior editor on the press relations staff.

Earlier, the board had approved the employment of a director of public relations, but Fletcher said that the board felt the relationship with Baptist Press was important enough to establish even before the public relations director had been employed.

As the new service for the denomination, Baptist Press is sent to the editors of Baptist state papers across the country, the religion editors of more than 100 daily newspapers, national news media, and radio and television stations with religious newscasts.



SEMINARY STUDENTS, left to right, are Tom Riner of Shelbyville, Ky.; Mary Lou Baker of Mechanics, Va.; and Hawthorne Granger of Newport News, Va., pastor of Indian Fork Church, Shelby County, Ky.

Seminary Students Support President Nixon

LOUISVILLE. On Veterans' Day, students of Southern Seminary gathered an unprecedented number of signatures as a patriotic gesture in support of President Nixon's efforts to secure a lasting peace in Vietnam.

The petition read: "We, the undersigned students, faculty, and administration of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, give support and

encouragement to President Nixon's efforts to secure a just and honorable peace in Vietnam."

Four hundred of the 1,100 students signed the petition, which included the signatures of 16 faculty and administration members. This represents more student participation than is ordinarily registered in student elections.



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Baptist Hospital Elects Trustees

MEMBERS of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi Baptist Hospital for 1970 include, from left to right. Seated: W. R. Newman, Jackson, vice-president; T. Harvey Hedgepeth, Jackson, president; The Rev. James Yates, Yazoo City, secretary-treasurer; Zach T. Hederman, Jackson; Dr. G. Swink Hicks, Natchez. Standing: Paul Moak, Jackson; Pat McMullan

Sr., Jackson; Sidney Davis, Mendenhall; Rev. Joel Haire, West Point; Ray Grillo, Crystal Springs; Rev. Wayne Coleman, Oxford; Rev. W. W. Causey, Jackson. Not shown: Marvin Collum, Jackson, chairman of the executive committee; H. B. Duckworth, Jackson, and John Yarborough, Jackson.

Convention News Analysis

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report which pledged "to respect the conscientiousness of those who feel they should participate in war as well as those whose Christian conviction is that they should not participate."

Problems relating to financing Baptist higher education programs continued, as they have during the past 10 years, to dominate sessions of a half-dozen state conventions.

During 1969, however, a resurgence of concern about Baptist doctrinal beliefs broke out at the state convention level, with at least 10 different conventions taking some action related to the current Southern Baptist doctrinal debate.

The Arkansas and California conventions both appointed committees to study convention policies on accepting as messengers to the annual meeting persons from churches that practice "alien immersion" — that is, accepting as church members persons who have been baptized (immersed) by non-Baptist churches. Last year, Arkansas Baptists refused to seat messengers from four churches that practice "alien immersion" or "open communion."

In New Mexico, the convention defeated a constitution amendment offered from the floor asking that no church be recognized by the convention that practices alien immersion. Last year, the convention approved a committee study which recommended that no constitutional requirements be made regarding the issue.

Texas Baptists approved a report from a committee appointed to study the issue last year, recommending that no change be made in the current constitution which does not prohibit or approve of alien immersion.

The doctrinal issue, however, goes much deeper than the question of "alien immersion." At least a half-dozen state conventions reflected concern in their resolutions about "theological liberals" in the denomination who question traditional Baptist doctrines.

Four of these conventions—Florida, Indiana, Mississippi and Colorado—adopted resolutions reaffirming support of the 1963 Southern Baptist "Statement of Baptist Faith and Message."

Florida Baptists went a step further by asking the six Southern Baptist seminaries to reject liberalism, and Mississippi Baptists declared they shared the views expressed by Southern Baptist Convention President W. A. Criswell of Dallas who earlier had urged persons who do not believe the 1963 statement to leave the denomination.

Criswell spoke at several of the conventions, and during press conferences repeated and even strengthened his earlier remarks.

Criswell also had some strong words concerning Baptist financial support of their schools, saying that Baptist denial of federal aid to the schools coupled with a corresponding refusal to support them financially was "ecclesiastical, denominational hypocrisy" because "we say and do not." He predicted that gradually, Baptists would have to "turn our schools lose."

Actions by some of the conventions may lend credibility to Criswell's predictions. Two state conventions voted to sell their hospitals, and two other state conventions debated strongly whether to cut lose their schools, only to reject the proposals by a slim vote.

The closest vote came in Florida, when the state convention meeting in Miami voted by only five votes—382 to 377—to keep Stetson University's \$310,000 allocation in their 1970 budget. Later the convention voted to appoint a committee to study relationships with Stetson and another Baptist college owned and operated by the Palm-Lake Baptist Association, West Palm Beach.

In Virginia, a committee appointed to study the denomination's total program had recommended that financial support of its seven schools be phased out by 1973; but the messengers rejected the report by a 51 vote margin in preference for a substitute which called for keeping the present relationship between the state body and the seven schools.

Hawaii Baptists also voted down a committee recommendation that it phase out financial support for its academy by 1973.

N. C. Baptists Approve Study

North Carolina Baptists approved a vast two-year study of problems confronting its seven colleges and universities that recommended additional state Baptist financial support when possible, and maintaining and strengthening all seven schools. The report approved of some forms of government aid under the "services rendered" concept.

Federal aid to Baptist schools was hotly debated in three states, each taking different positions.

Texas Baptists, who own and operate 10 schools at the largest convention, rejected by vote of 1,203 to 728 a proposal which would have allowed state Baptist institutions to secure long-term, low-interest government loans for building construction.

The Georgia Baptist Convention, by a 20 vote margin (386-366) referred for a year's committee study a motion that would have asked Mercer University, Macon, Ga., to rescind its vote applying for three federal construction grants, and overwhelmingly approved a motion asking Mercer to declare a moratorium on federal funds until the report is made next year.

Mississippi Baptists refused to "instruct" trustees of their four schools on the federal aid question, but they did overwhelmingly vote to "urge" the trustees not to accept direct federal aid and engage only in programs that would provide aid to students.

During the debate on the issue, several persons questioned whether the convention could financially afford expensive higher education programs. Later, a committee was authorized to study and redefine the overall educational purpose of the Mississippi convention.

Two conventions voted to sell or dissolve ties with four of their hospitals, and the high financial cost of operating such institutions was partly behind the decision in both cases.

By only eight votes, 133-125, the Arizona convention authorized the sale of its three hospitals in Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Yuma, Ariz., and land owned in Tucson for a hospital site. Forty per cent of the funds received from the sale will go to support Grand Canyon College in Phoenix, which is in the midst of a financial crisis.

The Louisiana Baptist Convention, by a vote of 257 to 180, approved severing ties with Baton Rouge Gen-

Kelly Will Teach Book Of James At Pastor's Conference

Dr. Earl Kelly, Pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Jackson, will teach the Book of James to pastors and other interested people on Tuesday, December 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Jackson.



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eral Hospital, releasing control to an interdenominational board of trustees that will be free to seek financial support, including federal aid, not available under Baptist ownership.

The financial squeeze of operating expensive educational and medical institutions is hurting in some states. Three conventions — Arizona, Kentucky and Maryland — voted to reduce their budgets this year (although the Maryland reduction was caused mostly by the exodus of churches in the New York area to form a new convention).

The Southern Baptist Convention may be in for harder times in the future, since several of the state conventions cut the amount or percentage going to the SBC Cooperative Program.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention, for example, cut the SBC allocation from 33 per cent to 30 per cent of their budget of \$44 million. The convention increased its total budget only \$50,000. All contributions over the \$44 million goal however, will go to SBC causes.

The Kansas Convention, in perhaps the hottest financial waters of all with an indebtedness of \$1.6 million, took steps toward overcoming their problems by approving a \$500,000 fund campaign, hearing plans for about \$500,000 in additional aid from other state conventions, and approving a budget and restructuring of the state staff to provide more funds to the sinking fund of the church bond program that caused the problem.

Restructure studies, or major constitutional overhauls, were approved or authorized by eight state conventions, each slightly different. Perhaps most comprehensive were the studies in Virginia and South Carolina. Several other states grappled with the basis of representation of either associations or churches at the annual convention.

Sex education in public schools concerned seven conventions, with five of the seven favoring some form of sex education.

Oklahoma and Northern Plains Baptist Conventions strongly opposed sex education in public schools, while Baptists in Virginia, District of Columbia, Kentucky and Texas supported, though not too strongly, such programs. Indiana Baptists adopted the same resolution passed by the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans which supported such programs in the home and church, but said nothing about public school programs.

A half-dozen other conventions passed resolutions or took actions opposing the sale of liquor by the drink or increased use of alcohol, and trends toward commercialization with major businesses open on Sunday — the Lord's Day.

A few conventions dealt with the problems of poverty, race relations and Black Power, with Virginia, Kentucky and North Carolina passing especially strong statements. Oregon-Washington Baptists elected a Negro woman as vice president, and Utah-Iowa elected its first Negro Executive Board member.

Dealing with these issues — financing Baptist schools and its federal aid corollary, Baptist doctrinal differences, the war in Vietnam, restructuring, sex education, liquor by the drink and Sunday closing of businesses — the majority of the 29 Baptist state conventions ended the decade of the 1960's.

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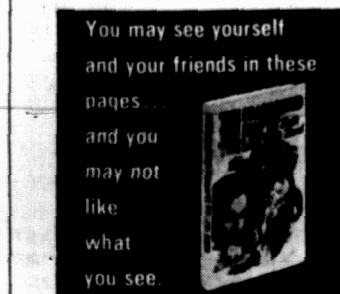
from American Council of Alcohol Problems newsletter

WMU Associate's Father Dies

A. L. Storey died November 24 in Philadelphia, Miss., at the age of 77. He was the father of Miss Waudine Storey, of Jackson, associate, WMU Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Funeral services were held Nov. 25 from the chapel of Hayes - McClain Funeral Home in Philadelphia. Rev. Roy Collum officiating. A lifelong resident of Philadelphia, Mr. Storey was a member of First Baptist Church of that city.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Johnny Littlefield, West Point; a son, L. J. Storey, Baton Rouge, La.; and seven grandchildren. His wife preceded him in death a little over a year ago.



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Money, Money, Money!

No subject is of concern to more people, than money. Most people find it a major problem just to secure enough money to meet their daily needs.

However, we are thinking of special money — the Lord's money. The Lord's work must have money too. Even as a living person needs money to provide the necessities day by day, so does the living church, and the denomination, need money. A church or a denomination that is doing nothing, will need little money. But those institutions which are trying to make advance for God, must have funds if they are to do what He has commanded.

Churches usually are thinking about money at this time of year, for this is budget time. Denominations and denominational institutions are thinking about it too, for this is the time when the budgets for the coming year are set, and when efforts are made to meet the financial requirements of the year that is closing. Moreover, for Southern Baptists this is a time for thinking of their greatest mission special giving, the annual Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions.

The churches are thinking about much more than money, for they know that people who are going to do worthy giving of their resources, first must give themselves to the Lord. So this is a time when people are called to dedication . . . dedication of themselves to their Lord and His work.

1969 Budget

Mississippi Baptists are thinking much of their 1969 budget just now. On other pages of this issue of the Record are the figures which tell just how much Cooperative Program money must be received during December, if the 1969 budget is to be met. When the convention set the budget for this year it adopted the largest increased goal of its history. Now it is going to take the faithful giving of every church in the state, and of every Baptist in the state, to meet that goal. If we fail to meet it, each of the institutions and agencies which receive support through the Program, will receive proportionately less than that which was promised them. This may cause serious problems for some.

A Reachable Goal

Reaching the amount which is needed to complete the 1969 goal is not an impossible task. It will require larger giving than we have done during any month of the past, yet it is within reach if we simply do our best, and then, if each treasurer will mail the check for December to the Con-

vention Board offices on Monday, December 29. Checks mailed later than that Monday probably will not reach the board in time to be counted on the 1969 goal. Books are not held open after the first of the month. Let every church do its best to do its greatest giving, and to send it on time, so that the year can end with rejoicing all over the state.

Lottie Moon Offering

At the same time, as individuals, we must go beyond our tithes and offerings which support the regular church offerings and the Cooperative Program, to give worthily and sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Offering. This great offering cares for approximately one-half of the budget of the Foreign Mission Board, and thus helps to support more than 2500 foreign missionaries, plus thousands of native workers, as well as build churches, seminaries, hospitals, and other institutions and agencies for Christian witness around the earth. Let Mississippians go even beyond their goal in their 1969 Christmas offering for missions.

The 1970 Budget

A third consideration, financially, is the 1970 budget in each of the churches. Pledges now are being taken in many of the churches, and thousands of members are determining how they will support their churches in the new year. As we ponder on these pledges each of us needs to remember that "the tithe is holy unto the Lord," that it is His, and not ours to keep and use as we please.

Why Not Test God?

It is the Lord's will that every Baptist bring the tithes and offerings to the Lord's house regularly. If this is done, every need of the churches, and of the denomination will be met, and those who gave will be better off financially than if they had kept all for themselves. "You can't outgive God," we heard one of our fine pastors say recently. How true this is! Why not try God on that and see this year? He challenges you, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, and prove me now, here-with, saith the Lord of hosts, and see if I will not pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:8).

Another promise of God is "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto you. For with the same measure that ye measure it shall be measured unto you." (Luke 6:38).

Money? Yes, God's money! Why not give it to Him this month, and next year, and see what He will do for you?

God's promises concerning His money do not fail!

Convention Representation

A committee is meeting in Nashville next week to study the problem of representation at the annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention. The New Orleans convention instructed the Executive Committee to study the problem.

The New Orleans action may have been hasty. It is possible that no real problem exists, even though it appeared so in New Orleans. There, the facilities were overcrowded, and on two or three occasions, all of the people who wanted to attend could not get into the hall. Because of that the convention voted for the study when the proposal was made.

Was New Orleans Unusual? But was the New Orleans situation an unusual one? The convention was meeting about as near as it is possible for it to be to the center of the most heavily congested Baptist population. It was within easy reach of more Southern Baptists than almost any other city which can entertain the convention. So the messengers came, and the facilities simply could not hold them all.

Those probably will not happen again for several years. The next four conventions are at Denver, St. Louis, Philadelphia, and Portland, Oregon. Not a single one of these is near the center of Baptist population. St. Louis alone could present some problems, and there it might be housing, rather than auditorium, although we understand that many new motels have been built in St. Louis since last we met there. The next convention where there may be a serious attendance

problem will be Dallas in 1974, and even there, we understand a new convention hall will be ready.

Will it not be better to wait to see the experience at a few more conventions, before taking any drastic action concerning convention representation? Is the problem really as serious as it appeared at New Orleans?

Change Of Form

We are fully conscious that some of those who desire a change in representation, are asking for a Presbyterian form of denominational government, where a smaller group would handle the business. It is our opinion that Southern Baptists are not ready to "buy" such a plan, nor will they be at any time in the near future. The present completely democratic process whereby each church can send messengers, and every messenger has the right to speak in open debate, is the plan approved by most Baptists. Some feel that you can't get things done in open debate such as now exists but the saying, that if you let Baptists talk enough, they will talk themselves together appears to be true. Moreover, this plan keeps power out of the hands of a few. Southern Baptists have no intention of turning their business over to a power structure. They now have an Executive Committee which handles details, but this body is under control of, and responsible to the convention itself. This is exactly as it should be.

Possible Changes

If a change is necessary, it is probable that the one plan which

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The Anointed and Appointed



NEWEST BOOKS

Sunday School

BROADMAN COMMENTS, 1970 by Don B. Harbuck, Hugh E. Peterson, Howard P. Colson, Lillian Moore Rice, and Caroline D. Henderson (Broadman, 389 pp., \$3.25).

International Sunday school lessons, 1970. For each lesson, there is a practical, specific, easy-to-use teaching plan; clearly organized and stimulating exposition of Bible material; and brief lesson outlines, bibliographies, and visual aid suggestions.

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ROZELL'S COMPLETE LESSON, 1970 edited by Brooks Ramsey (Zondervan, 320 pp., \$3.50).

This 23rd annual volume presents each lesson as a complete unit, written word for word as a teacher might teach it. Notable features are easy-to-follow outlines, latest teaching methods, practical, fresh applications based on pupil need, complete bibliography of resource material, unusual introductions and conclusions, and directions for use with a chalkboard.

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would be acceptable to most Baptists would be to limit messengers to a smaller number than the limit of 10 now authorized. Perhaps that will need to be cut to 5 or 6. Moreover, it is probable that some plan could be developed which would give messengers passes which would allow them seats in the auditorium up to a certain hour, after which visitors would be admitted.

Commentaries

STUDYING LIFE AND WORK LESSONS by Herschel H. Hobbs (Convention Press, paperback, 128 pp., \$1.50).

Expository treatment of Life and Work lessons for the January-March 1970 quarter. Each lesson approach contains an introduction, an examination of background materials and of basic Scripture passages, and an outline. Greek and Hebrew words are explained, the central teaching of the lesson is clarified, and its truth applied to life. Dr. Hobbs is pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and former SBC president.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS, 1970, by Clifton J. Allen (Broadman, 215 pp., \$1.25).

This 17th edition by Dr. Allen is a pocket-sized, hardbound commentary, containing the Bible text for each lesson, a brief exposition, a summary under the heading, "Truths to Live By," and references to daily Bible readings. It also contains a forecast of lessons for 1970 and a one-page listing of quarter themes in the Uniform Cycle for 1969-74. Dr. Allen, now retired, was former editorial secretary for the Sunday School Board. This commentary is reproduced in condensed form, weekly, in the Baptist Record.

TO ENRICH EACH DAY by Chester E. Swor and Jerry Merriman (Fleming H. Revell, paperback, 350 pp., \$1.95).

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semble. An enjoyable instrumental record, although not religious.

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The problem is not as great as it appeared to us in New Orleans. Let's take plenty of time to study it, and to see what really is necessary, before taking action. Conventions of the next five years will show whether the problem is becoming greater. If it is, we still will have time to solve it. Let us not be hasty in action now, which may need to be changed later.



Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

Christmas: Whose Birthday?

In all the rush which attends the Christmas season in our nation, amazingly little thought is given — even by the vast majority of Christians — to the thought of the person whose birthday is to be celebrated, to the gifts which would please Him most on his birthday.

While, in the judgment of your columnist, it is not wrong to make of Christmas a time of happiness for those we love, it is so very wrong to leave HIM out of consideration, or to toss mere crumbs of recognition in his direction on HIS birthday.

Now that your list of gifts for loved ones is made out and your purchases are in the process of being made, why not do a little thinking about what HE would most like for HIS birthday gifts. Here are three suggestions.

First

I think that he would be immensely pleased if you and I would give to him an introduction to someone who does not know him, that we should do our best to win to faith in Christ some one who does not know him.

A little girl whose father had just returned from the hospital to tell her of the birth of a little sister thrilled the dad's heart after his protracted description of how wonderful it would be to have a play-mate: she looked out the picture window at the passing crowd and said, "Let's go out and tell everybody about my new sister." We can tell someone the more wonderful story that Christ is born!

Second

We can help to extend the ministry which he came to our earth to perform by ministering at the Christmas

season to people who most need a touch of his compassion.

In Isaiah 61:1 and in Luke 4:18, the purpose of his compassionate ministry is stated: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

In that wide sweep of human need we find listings of many contemporary needs to which we can minister; and in so doing, we give to him a choice birthday gift.

Third

We can clean up our own hearts to make sure that they are in condition to make the Christ of Christmas comfortable therein — not only at Christmas time, but throughout the year.

Sin in our hearts is offensive to him. Jealousy, envy, covetousness, resentment, unforgiveness, malice, lust and hatred are emotions which are incompatible to the spirit of Christ and which must make him unhappy in our hearts.

Selfishness, greed, vanity, self-satisfaction, false pride, disobedience and rebellion are other things which are not hospitable to the Christ whom we have invited into our hearts.

I must include at least those three gifts for HIM as I make my list for the observation of HIS birthday. Would you like to add them to your list, too?

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THE BAPTIST FORUM

Tells Of N. O. Seaman's Service Plans

Dear Baptist Record Readers:

What is Christmas?

Eating, shopping, going, getting, hustle, and bustle, frustration, — yes, all this and much more.

It is many things to many people. Often the question is asked by those who do not know, and by impression and word they receive the wrong answers.

Every year at this time we of the New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service, Inc., attempt to tell by word and deed the real meaning of Christmas to seafaring men from all over the earth.

ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

The Department of Labor put out some statistics recently: a typical worker with a family of three dependents averaged a dollar and a quarter more in his pay envelope in the past six months, but his "real" wage had gone down two dollars and a quarter. He was falling behind and was plenty sore. Unemployment has crept up a little; it was down to 3.3 percent and is now around 3.5 percent — which is still extraordinarily low. An increase of one percent would mean an additional \$30,000 out of work a year from now. But that isn't the real story; the black is the one who is last hired and first fired and even now idleness among blacks is probably twice that among whites. Many black teenagers in the ghetto are never hired at all; they are the ones who stand around idle on street corners hating society and are told to obey law and order. Their unemployment now may be around 20 percent and if a recession comes it could easily double. That is why economists watch with fascinated interest the figures on "nonwhite unemployment" gathered every two months by the Department of Labor. It is as important in measuring tension in our city climate as the pressure gauge is to the astronaut going to the moon. Unemployment of non-whites is rising. At the start of the year it was down to 5.7 percent and it has crept up to 7 percent. There is no doubt at all that it will rise farther as the economy slows, though where the explosion point is nobody knows. (TRB from Washington, 7-19-69)

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A very Merry Christmas

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A Visit To Indonesia

By W. Douglas Hudgins

This is October 16, and Fon Scofield and I are in Jogjakarta, Indonesia, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. John is director of our student evangelism activities among the 45,000 Indonesian students in this cultural center.

John and his lovely wife are sitting here with us, and I want John to tell us just a bit.

(Dr. Hudgins) John, you have connections and roots in Mississippi and your wife is a native of Brookhaven, and formerly you were a member of First Baptist Church in Brookhaven. Just in a word tell our Baptist Record folks a little bit about your Mississippi connections and background, please.

(Mr. Smith). Yes, I will, Dr. Hudgins. I was born in Lincoln County, Mississippi, and spent my teenage years there before induction into the military where I served for one year. And then after coming out of the military I attended Mississippi College for four years, getting my B. A. degree, and after this I went to North Carolina for Southeastern Seminary.

(Dr. Hudgins) What year did you graduate from Mississippi College??

(Mr. Smith) In 1951.

(Dr. Hudgins) And went from there to a pastorate in North Carolina?

(Mr. Smith) Yes, after Southeastern Seminary, I spent the remaining years in the States in North Carolina. After 12 years of service there, we were appointed as missionaries to Indonesia.

(Dr. Hudgins) How long have you been here in Indonesia?

(Mr. Smith) Five years.

(Dr. Hudgins) When do you go back home on furlough?

(Mr. Smith) We returned a year and a half ago, and we'll be going back to Mississippi in 1972 for furlough.

(Dr. Hudgins) I think I remember, certainly, you and your wife spent most of your furlough year at our missionary home in Jackson out near the Alta Woods Baptist Church. Am I not correct?

(Mr. Smith) Yes, we did. We spent our year of furlough at the missionary residence, sponsored by the Alta Woods Baptist Church, and enjoyed our year, and are very thankful for the privilege of spending the year at this home.

(Dr. Hudgins) For our folks at home, who was Mrs. Smith? Tell us a little bit about her — a year at Whitworth College, I believe, and then she finished about three years more at Wake Forest?

(Mr. Smith) That's true. She started out at Whitworth, and then after we were married I was, of course, attending Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest. Wake Forest campus was still there, Wake Forest College, where she spent some years before our child was born, and then after this she studied some remaining years at Campbell College in North Carolina.

(Dr. Hudgins) John, you are out here primarily working among students, but I think you told me last night you do not call it Baptist student work. You have given it the descriptive name of student evangelism?

(Mr. Smith) That's true, because that is basically what we were doing in the start here. We had no organized churches in the area, and we found that student work was giving us a good opening in the city of Jogjakarta, the traditional university center of Indonesia. So we have worked with the students, winning them to Christ and trying to lead them toward Christian maturity and leading them in churches that have met in these buildings where we have student centers.

(Dr. Hudgins) Where is your large university, John?

(Mr. Smith) Our universities — we have about 15 universities — and

they are scattered all over the city. We do not have a university center.

(Dr. Hudgins) Do you have here in Jogjakarta a medical school and-or a school for nurses—either one?

(Mr. Smith) Yes, we have both, as faculties of our main university, the Gajamada University, we have medical faculty and we also have in this a school of nursing as well.

(Dr. Hudgins) How much help do you have here? Particularly, do you have other Foreign Mission Board personnel missionaries helping you in this work?

(Mr. Smith) Not in the direct student work. Only my wife and I are in this work. We now have the Tommy Stephens who are working in direct evangelism and church development, and we also have Doris Blattner who is in church development.

(Dr. Hudgins) Does Doris have any connection with Mississippi?

(Mr. Smith) Yes, formerly Doris was at the First Baptist Church at Belzoni and worked there for some two or three years before coming to Indonesia.

(Dr. Hudgins) How long has she been here, John?

(Mr. Smith) She came the same year that we came. She has served in Indonesia for five years.

(Dr. Hudgins) What is her particular responsibility, and what is her professional title or job description out here?

(Mr. Smith) Her work is in church development from the standpoint of training leadership, developing WMU work, teacher training programs, developing training unions in the church, from the educational standpoint of our church development.

(Dr. Hudgins) I know you have a daughter up at Singapore in the missionary children's, what do you call it?

(Mr. Smith) We call it "hostel," and this is from a British word — about the same thing as a dormitory.

(Dr. Hudgins) And you just have the one child?

(Mr. Smith) Yes, we only have one daughter.

(Dr. Hudgins) And she has been up there just this year or is this her second year?

(Mr. Smith) Yes, she just entered this year, in September.

(Dr. Hudgins) She's just like all the rest of the kids, you've heard from her twice since school started?

(Mr. Smith) Yes, that's right.

(Dr. Hudgins) She doesn't write home any more than anybody else does?

(Mr. Smith) That's right. She writes home very seldom. Apparently this indicates that she is making a fair adjustment.

(Dr. Hudgins) The other evening when was it, Mr. Scofield, about a week ago we had the opportunity of having dinner with the children there at the hostel and the parents of that institution, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith. We enjoyed it very much. We saw your daughter, and although we did not have much time to spend with her, like all the rest of the kids, they are having a good time, and I'm sure you don't need to worry about them a bit.

(Mr. Smith) No, we do not worry about her because we have met Hugh and Kathryn Smith and we think that they are making wonderful parents for our children there, and it seems that our children are very happy. They — every letter — the two letters that we have gotten from our daughter, have indicated that they are having a wonderful time, as she puts it, and settling down to some degree of the boredom and humdrum of back-in-school, and this sounds very normal.

(Dr. Hudgins) All right, mama — I see mama over there giving us the high sign that lunch is ready. We'll just break this off and we'll come on and eat in just a moment. Thank you, John. This has been a little visit with John Smith, and we'll come back in a little while to talk to John about some specific illustrations and incidents of personal soul winning, etc.

(Mr. Smith) Dr. Odle, I would like to add just a word to this. We do get the Baptist Record, even though it is three months late getting here, but it is almost like a letter from home each time we get it. We do appreciate it very much. We appreciate the fine news items that you put there covering our whole convention work and especially the news from Mississippi. Thank you so much for sending this out to us.

(Dr. Hudgins) Well, now, how about that! That's a good plug. Thank you.

Later

(Dr. Hudgins) John, tell us just in a word the story of the conversion of this young student who is, I think you said, engaged to a med student. Do you remember that story you were telling us last night? Give us that experience just briefly, would you please.

(Mr. Smith) I sure will. This young lady is one of the most charming young women we have in the city of Jogjakarta. Her name is Andrea Astuti and she was first attracted to the Baptist student center through our offering of English conversation courses. She is an English major from the university and is now doing her Master's thesis in the English language —English literature.

About three years ago Andrea was attracted to these courses, and at this particular time we were using the New Testament extensively in our English conversation courses. She became more and more interested in the Bible readings, purchased her own copy of the Bible, and then began attending our English worship services on Sundays. After several months she made confession of faith and became rather active in all phases of our student work here and evangelistic outreach.

The first thing Andrea did, she went home and told her sister — an older sister who lives in the same house with her here in Jogjakarta — about her conversion, and after some weeks of witnessing her sister also decided to become a Christian. And both of these girls are outstanding young ladies. Andrea also went home and told her mother what had happened — in East Java her mother lives — and her mother is intensely interested also and is now waiting the time of baptism.

But now we have asked Andrea to join us in our work at one of our extension student centers where she teaches some courses in English to high school students, trying to extend our witness not only to university students but to high school students. She also keeps our library in this area. In working there she was quite attracted to a young medical student and he all the more was attracted to her, so almost a year ago now they became engaged. His name is Benny Sunarto and he is a medical student, hoping to get his Doctor's degree next year.

Win Applewhite at our Baptist Hospital tells us that he is saving a place on the medical staff at our Baptist Hospital for Benny. We feel that these two young people will add dimension to our witness in the area of Kediri and working at our Baptist Hospital. Andrea is so outgoing in her faith. She is able to conduct prayer meetings, and she is able to conduct devotional periods before university students. She directs the choir at one of our churches and is very active in every phase of Christian witness here in Jogjakarta. Benny also helps us on our staff at one of our student centers.

Later

(Dr. Hudgins) Now this is the same evening. It is now five minutes after nine o'clock and I am going to try to record a very unusual and thrilling experience. About seven o'clock our missionary, Mr. Scofield and I left the house to go to one of the nearby missions for a service. We drove several miles west of town then turned off and in another community picked up a native pastor, and along with him the young lady to whom he is reported to be engaged and her companion-making six of us in the auto mobile or van.

We headed out for the service over some of the roughest roads that I have encountered recently and then, oh, I suppose 8 or 10 kilometers still further on West we turned off on a very rough dirt road which we would call in our part of the world a dike or a dirt road out through the swamp. It actually was a road out through the rice paddies, and we went on this road for some two or three miles and then, turning up into a little compound, we came upon a large group of people gathered on the outside of a home to which had been added evidently a long rectangular open concrete-floored patio or space. This had been changed into a place of worship.

It was, I should say, about 20 feet in depth, about 40 to 45 feet in length, with a low ceiling, and yet they had installed a modest pulpit and to one side was their choir — the young people — and believe it or not they had one what we would call vestments. They had a white pullover cape and over that they had a scarlet triangle fastened around their necks, and these



The annual Brotherhood Rally Banquet and the Baptist Men's Conference are held in Jackson each fall preceding the state Baptist convention. Last fall the banquet was held at Daniel Memorial Church. The Baptist Men's Conference met at First Church, Jackson, with around 1,000 attending.



John Vaughan, Brotherhood director, Alta Woods Church, Jackson, in a visit to the Baptist Building, receives Brotherhood material from Paul Harrell, associate, Brotherhood Department.



The camping program for Royal Ambassadors this year was one of the best yet, with 1000 campers registered during the seven-week camping period.



Rev. Elmer L. Howell has been director of the Brotherhood Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Board since Jan. 1, 1967.



Baptist Men's organizations, both church and associational, have supported, as a mission project, the Choctaw Indian radio program for approximately five years.



Office secretaries in the Brotherhood Department are Miss Mildred Tolar, right, and Miss June Davis, left.

Convention Board Departments — V

The Brotherhood

It is the work of the Brotherhood Department to promote missionary education and involvement for Baptist men and boys of the various churches throughout the state. There are four major tasks of Brotherhood work: (1) to provide and interpret information regarding the work of the church; and the denomination (2) to provide organizations and leadership for special projects of the church (3) to challenge men and boys to participate in mission activities, and (4) to teach missions to men and boys.

Accompanying photographs show some of the many conferences and programs sponsored by the Brotherhood.

The Brotherhood Department during 1968-69 has been instrumental in the commitment of men to take part in three pioneer mission tours in Montana, Ohio, and Utah.

The associational missionary of DeSoto County provided information which the Brotherhood Department passed along to the Baptist men of Mississippi, challenging them to have a concern for the mission opportunities of DeSoto County. As a result, many hundreds of dollars have been contributed to support the mission work in DeSoto County, such as assisting in the purchase of mobile chapels in which to begin mission Sunday schools and services which have developed into churches.

An evangelistic challenge in Riverside Association was met when the Brotherhood Department committed men to work with the Cooperative Missions Department in preparing a revival emphasis in the LuRand Church.

The Brotherhood cooperated with the WMU in raising funds to build a warehouse to be used in connection with San Blas Hospital in Puerto Rico (total was \$1,120.)

The Man and Boy Rally always gives special emphasis to missions. Five of these are held each year.



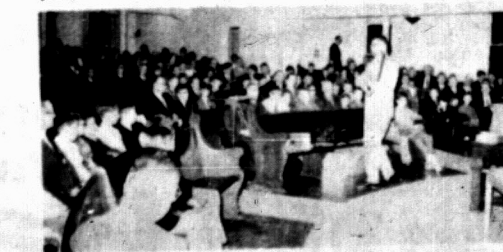
In previous years the Brotherhood has promoted five area leadership training conferences early each fall. This year an additional one was added for the Coastal section.



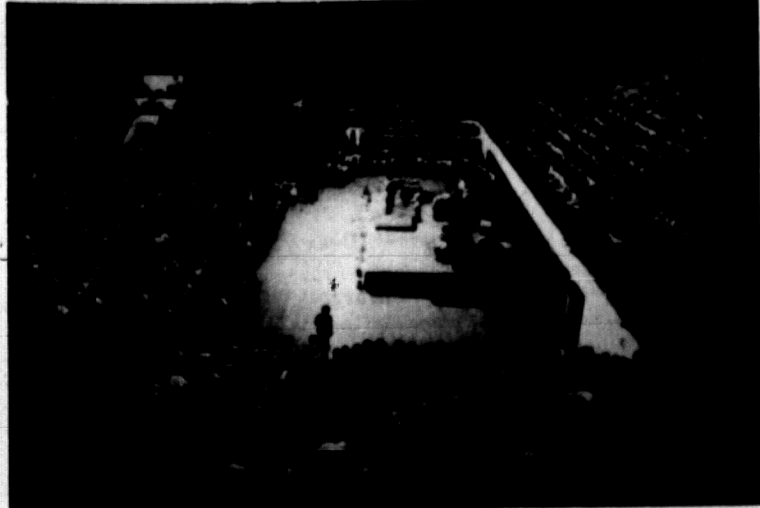
The Brotherhood Department directs and promotes the annual World Mission Conference each September at Camp Garaywa. This is a family type conference, with all age groups invited. Lee Ferrell of Jackson is pictured, leading a Youth Division conference.



Brotherhood Retreats are held in both north and south Mississippi, the one for the north at Tombigbee State Park, and the one for the south at Paul B. Johnson State Park. The theme for each retreat this year was "The Christian Man and His Place of Leadership in the Home."



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Haggai Indonesian Crusades Great Success
Atlanta, November 14—SPECIAL—One month after the close of the Indonesian Crusades, Dr. John Haggai, President of Evangelism International, is continuing to receive reports attesting to the results of the meetings in Djakarta, Bandung and Surabaya. A review of the decisions recorded at the meetings indicates that approximately 5% of the audience in attendance responded each night, with more than 43% making first time decisions for Christ. A further study shows that 51% were in the significant age bracket 13-26, and 43% were students.

young people made a very interesting choir. The service was under way when we got there. We pushed our way through the crowd of people outside, through many handshakes and smiles and affable greetings, though we couldn't understand, what they said.

We went in and sat down as part of the service. Mr. Scofield took a number of excellent pictures. We listened to the choir sing a special number as well as participating in the congregational singing so far as the tune was concerned and then the young man R. H. Soetkno, pastor of First Baptist Church of Solo, preached the sermon. He preached in excellent Javanese, so we were told, which is a more musical litting language than straight Indonesian, and although I could not understand it, I certainly warmed to his attitudes in his message and felt his heart beat with that

congregation. He had rapt attention inside the little place of worship, though there was some milling about and confusion outside.

At the close of the service he gave the regular invitation, and to our great delight, and I must confess a bit to my amazement, there were immediate responses. I think I counted 11 who came forward — five of them young people and six adults, five mature women, two of them old women. I would judge, and one man. These, we were told later, were making their first profession of faith as Christians — all of them having been dealt with by the minister or the pastor before the service began.

Now, the thing I am going to try to do is to record from the transcription Mr. Scofield made onto this tape a portion of the service as we heard it. It will not be first quality transcription, but we did not want to take two

tape records and so if possible immediately following is a recording of a portion of the service that we took some 10 miles out in the country from Solo, Java, Indonesia, in the village of Kagokan, near Surakarta.

(The recording of the music of the service followed.)

Seminary Receives Gift Of \$59,250
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has received a gift of \$59,250 from Wallace E. Johnson, president of Holiday Inns of America, Inc. According to Richard C. McLenore, Seminary business manager, the gift is part of a \$250,000 pledge made by Mr. Johnson in the school's Golden Anniversary Campaign. The gift was in the form of 1300 shares of stock in Medicenters of America, Inc.



Carey College Homecoming December 6

Four of the six members of the William Carey College Homecoming Court for 1969 pose above with Mrs. Helen McWhorter, faculty advisor, as they get together to discuss plans for the big event on Saturday, December 6. Shown from left, clockwise around Mrs. McWhorter in center, are: Kathy Scott, sophomore maid; Penny Sones, homecoming queen; Betty Wilder, junior class maid; and Beverly Willson, freshman maid. The queen and her court will be pre-

sented during half-time ceremonies at the Homecoming game between Carey and Springhill College. The game begins at 7:30. Senior maid Martha Gillon and basketball maid Joy Oehler are not pictured, but will be in the royal line-up on Homecoming night.

The Homecoming Banquet will be held at 12:30 in Wilkes Dining Hall. The Serampore Players will present "Scrooge," a delightful musical adaptation of the famous Christmas Carol by Dickens, at 3 p. m. and 4:30 p. m.

Training Union

Mississippi Youth In Convention Spotlight

The Mississippi Baptist Youth Convention to be held December 29-30 at Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, is not only planned for Intermediates and Young People — but many of the program participants will be Intermediates and Young People.

Here are some ways youth will be featured on the program:

"Tell It Like It Is"

A youth choir of around 250 voices has been enlisted to sing, "Tell It Like It Is," under the direction of Kurt Kaiser of Waco, Texas, one of its composers. Churches which Billy Jack Green, Musical Coordinator, has already "signed up" to participate are: Crystal Springs; Laurel; Lexington; Forest; First and Calvary, West Point; Fairview and First, Columbus; Broadmoor and Daniel Memorial, Jackson; Meridian; Prentiss; Aberdeen; McComb; and Yazoo City.

Youth Conference Ensemble

This year's Youth Conference Ensemble under the direction of Jack Lyall of Mississippi College will be singing at the various sessions of the convention. These high school boys and girls secured through auditions earlier in the year are from Clara, Purvis, Houston, Natchez, Louisville, Roxie, Morton, Columbia, Meridian, and Jackson.

Youth Testimonies

On each day there will be a feature listed as "Youth Speaks." These will be personal testimonies from high school and college youth. Those who will participate hold membership in these churches: First, Columbus; First, Kosciusko; Calvary, Jackson; First, Starkville; Forest; and First, Biloxi.

Mississippi Youth Brass Ensemble
This year for the first time there will be a brass ensemble, secured through state-wide auditions, to improve the music for the convention. Aubrey Gaskins of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, selected and will direct this group which come from Belzoni, Tupelo, Vicksburg, Meridian, Baldwin, Canton, Macon, Itta Bena, Clinton, Pascagoula, Jackson, and Natchez.

Dramatics

First Church, West Point; First Church, Ellisville; and Forest Baptist

Church are three of four churches which will present dramatic performances during the convention. R. Kenneth Miller, Recreation Consultant of the Mississippi Training Union Department, is enlisting these groups.

Coffee House

A new feature of the convention this year is a "coffee house" during the evening meal each day. For more than an hour there will be performing groups which will be selected by auditions to be held during the first week of December by Charles Muller, Music Coordinator for the conventions. Auditions had not been planned but so many groups have been nominated that they became necessary. Approximately ten different groups will be used, five each night.

"The Graduates"

Since 1962 we have selected a musical group to provide special music for these annual youth meetings. Former members have been asked to return for this year's convention and those who can do so will be the youth choir for Monday evening's session. Charles Muller will direct this group.

Youth Choirs

Three churches will be asked to provide a guest choir. Choirs from First Baptist Church, Prentiss, and Fairview Baptist Church, Columbus, have accepted invitations extended to them to serve this year.

Soloists and Pianists

The music coordinator is inviting five Intermediates or Young People to serve as guest pianists, one for each of the five sessions of the convention. He is inviting some former members of the Youth Conference Ensemble to be the featured soloists, one at each of four convention sessions.

Ushers

Five churches will be asked to provide a group of youth to serve as ushers at the convention this year, one group at each session of the convention. Norman A. Rodgers is enlisting these groups.



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Originally the structure was an office building of Greenwood Products Company. The management gave the building to Baptist Bible Institute. It was the first to be on the new campus when the school moved from Lakeland to Graceville. It was too large to

move as a unit. Workmen sawed the building in half, and reunited them after the two halves were moved across town.

Greenwood went out of use at the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

Students Seek Funds For New Dormitory

Students at Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Arizona, by a nearly unanimous vote, adopted a work project of unusual magnitude for the year—the raising of \$200,000 to finance the building of a new women's dormitory.

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N. O. Evangelism

Workshop Dec. 9-12

The 1969 Evangelism Workshop at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has been set for December 9-12 according to Dr. C. E. Autrey, director of the workshop. Autrey, the former Director of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board, said, "This year's workshop will be one of the best the Seminary has ever offered. Our conference is for all Southern Baptist evangelists, singers and pastors from all parts of our Convention, as well as the professor and students at the Seminary."

Dr. Autrey, who is now teaching evangelism at New Orleans Seminary, was enthusiastic about the coming program. "The program is well balanced and should be helpful for all who attend. Some of the program personnel are Bill Glass, Waco, Tex.; James Robinson, Hurst, Tex.; Hymen Anselman, Kansas City, Mo.; E. J. Daniels, Orlando, Fla.; pastor J. D. Grey of New Orleans First Baptist Church; and Tom Delaughter of New Orleans Seminary."

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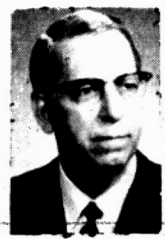
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The Promise Of The Messiah

By Clifton J. Allen

Isaiah 9:2-7; 11:1-10; 52:13 to 53:12; 61:1-3; Micah 5:2-4

In order to understand the story of God and his people, we must recognize a future perspective in the story.



It moved toward the fulfillment of God's covenant promise: first made to Abraham and confirmed to the patriarchs, established with Israel at Sinai, renewed with David, and interpreted in many ways by the Hebrew prophets. The passages from Isaiah 9 and 11 describe the reign of the Messiah. He is of the line of David. His names describe his character. His reign is marked by righteousness, justice, and peace. The writer of the later chapters of Isaiah was given insight to see more clearly the nature and mission of the Messiah as the Suffering Servant. Micah declared that the Messiah would come from Bethlehem, from the house of David, that he would rule as a shepherd, and that his kingdom would be worldwide. The messianic expectation became stronger and stronger in Jewish hope.

The Lesson Explained

Servant Of God (52:13-15)

These verses are a part of a mag-

nificent song that runs through chapter 53. It describes the exaltation and humiliation of the Servant of God. Who is the Servant? There are varying views. But the description of the Servant is intensely personal and seems to be a prediction of a personal Messiah. Though the writer likely did not grasp the full implication of what he wrote, the unity of the biblical revelation gives convincing evidence that in Jesus Christ alone we have the fulfillment of the person and work, sufferings and victory, humiliation and exaltation, of the Servant in the prophet's poem.

At first, the Servant is exalted. He will prosper—the meaning of "deal prudently." He will be lifted up, very high. But many will be astonished because he appears disfigured, hardly human. This anticipates the truth in the next chapter. More important, the kings of the earth will be startled by his exaltation through the power of God. All this suggests that the mighty acts of God in his Servant, the Messiah, will bring amazement to an unbelieving world.

Sacrifice For Sin (53:1-6)

God's saving activity through the Servant would be hard to believe. The arm of the Lord or the power of God would accomplish salvation. The Servant, like "a root out of a dry ground," would not be accounted for by his environment. His physical appearance would arouse no enthusiasm or gain a following. Men would, as it were, hide their faces from him because of their scorn or their indifference or their dread. All this emphasizes the brutally unkind reception the world would give the Suffering Servant of God. It was actually so when the Messiah came in Jesus, the Christ. Men did not recognize him for what he was. In fact, his perfect majesty and courage and holiness were such that his presence was a rebuke to the selfish and proud and lustful people around him. For this reason they despised him and they rejected him.

The prophet accounted for the tragic appearance of the Servant: it was due to his bearing our griefs and sorrows, to his becoming our shame and ugliness. He was considered stricken down and smitten of God. He was the man of sorrows because he was made the humiliation of sin. His wounds and bruises and chastisement and stripes were made necessary by our transgressions and our iniquities. God in sovereign grace "laid on him the iniquity of us all."

King-Redeemer-Servant

We need to see the prophetic picture of the Messiah in fullness. He was to be the King, to rule over the kingdom of God, to exercise universal dominion and sovereignty, to establish the rule of God in human hearts and thus bring into operation in the lives of individuals the principles of the kingdom of God. He was to be the Redeemer. By his voluntary self-giving through suffering and humiliation and death, through vicarious sacrifice, he would become Redeemer-Saviour from the bondage and guilt and uncleanness of sin. He was to be the Servant. Equipped with the Spirit of God, he would preach the good news of God's salvation to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to captives, give freedom and light and comfort and healing to victims of sin and misfortune, and declare the day of the vengeance of God.

No Forgiveness Without Sacrifice

By Bill Duncan
Lev. 5:14 - 6:7

When I was in high school, I had a friend whose family believed you could live above sin. But it was a strange what was on their list of sins. They held to the fact that sin was in certain cosmetics that women would wear, or in things that normal people would not do anyway. They were proud that they lived above sin. But they missed the point of the scripture, which condemned injustice, pride, and envy.

In recent years a young man said to me that his father did not believe that he had ever sinned. Those who



have any knowledge of human nature and the scripture know that this is impossible. Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." This means everyone has sinned. James 4:17—"There-

fore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

What can a person do about the sin that is in his heart? There is no source of forgiveness outside of God. Man can try to forget his wrongs and they will torment him. But we are told that God is faithful and able to forgive sin. Why would a person have to ask God to forgive him of trespasses against his fellow man? Would it not be that he should ask that person to forgive him? Sin is against God first, and then the fellow man. The instruction on how we should live is given unto us by God. When we break His will for our lives, we sin against God and then the fellow man. All sin is against God. Joseph was right when he said to his master's wife, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

The first section of Leviticus gave to the followers of Moses God's instruction on how they could receive forgiveness for a variety of sins. As one reads these instructions, he learns that all but one offering to God required an animal to be killed. The meal offering was a thanksgiving offering for the harvest of food and a certain portion of the harvest was offered to God. The other offerings spoke of individual trespasses

that required that blood be spilt from an animal.

All of these offerings of the sacrifice of life were to teach the people that one day God offered His Son for a sin offering for all that would accept Him as the Messiah and Saviour. The expense of the sacrifice spoke of the grave seriousness of sin. From the beginning of time God had instructed His followers to sacrifice animals to show their spirit of sorrow and repentance.

God always looked upon the heart to see the motive and intent before he truly forgave them of their sin. The action of a sacrifice was to teach a lesson.

The Trespass Against The Lord Lev. 5:14-19

When sins were committed against the Lord, disobeying his instruction concerning man's actions and thoughts, man was instructed to sacrifice a ram without blemish, and to give money to pay the value of one fifth the crop that he failed to be thankful for. This was really a tithe of his income, plus an animal. Earlier he was instructed to give a certain portion of his crop, but now because he failed he was to give in this manner. God instructed a certain offering in accord with the trespass. Some have said that this offering was a sin of omniscience or neglect. When a person broke God's law unconscious of the act, he still had sinned and needed the forgiveness of God.

The Trespass Against Fellow Man Also Lev. 6:1-7

"If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the Lord, and lie unto his neighbor" etc. Sin begins with rebellion against God and strikes out at mankind. All of the sins mentioned speak of lack of proper respect for the other. The greatest sins that men commit against their fellow man is not in taking of lives, but failing to respect the other person as made in the image of God. We can destroy another's true self without taking his life. This is a sin of injustice. Man had been given trust of another, but if he is untrustworthy, he is a sinner in the sight of God.

We must always remember that a sin can only be forgiven by God. It is not the action of the sacrifice, but the intent of the heart, that determines whether forgiveness is obtained.

December Topics

THE BAPTIST HOUR sermon topics for December are: December 7, "The Long Look of Hope" — Matthew 4:16; Isaiah 9:2; December 14, "Divine Purpose, Divine Power" — Isaiah 11:1; December 21, "The Heart of Christmas" — Matthew 1:23b; December 28, "After Christmas, What?" — Luke 2:20.

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Rev. A. M. Moore, III is pastor.

Mrs. Marcus Carter Dies

Mrs. Marcus Carter (the former Mrs. M. O. Patterson) died October 17, unexpectedly, at Hinds General Hospital in Jackson. She had been in failing health for several years, but had been thought improving.

She was a member of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. A graduate of Mississippi College, she had studied piano and voice in New Orleans and Boston.

She was a valuable member to her community and to her denomination. Ill health prevented her from being active for the last couple of years, but she never lost interest in people or in the Lord's work. Her influence lives as a memorial to her.

1st, Dallas, Sends Aid To Mississippi

Under the column, "Pastor's Pen," in the Nov. 21 First Baptist Reminder of Dallas, Texas, Dr. W. A. Criswell, writes:

"One day last week the business office placed in my hands a check for \$1,173.00 from the Baraca Club for the help of the victims of the terrible hurricane that struck Mississippi. It was a great joy to forward the check on to Dr. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, to be used to help our brethren in our sister state. Thank you, Baracas, for a work beautifully and generously done."

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Devotional

Christmas Country

By Tom W. Dunlap, First, Natches, Pastor

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

When do we get to Christmas? How much further to Christmas? It all seems to begin when we decide that this year we are going to make it a SUPER CHRISTMAS! All of us are aware of change and we think much about THE CHALLENGE OF THE 70's. Today I received a catalog in the mail and the front of it proclaims: "The 70's of Christmas. I stare at the statement in the lower corner of the first page: 'Where Christmas turns the corner of the Decade'—in the face of all of it I thank God that there is yet something that has not changed—the Changeless Christ—His changeless love, changeless compassion, changeless sympathy, power, care, and most of all His changeless promise: 'Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.'"



CHRISTMAS COUNTRY has to be in the individual heart—my heart. I must shift my thinking from "what can I get?" to "what can I give?" Even in the matter of gifts, I have to have a change—change from thinking of giving material gifts to the giving of the Good News of Christ to a suffering, dying world.

On the pages of the catalog in front of me I read statements like: "where you can get a complete game room for an apartment," "where you can get him a shave in 60 seconds," "where you can get a watch that tells you the time here and there." In place of a game room I want a family altar in a room of my apartment where we can say, "To God be the glory." Instead of a 60-second shave, I want to be sure everyone in my house knows that it is Christ who gives instant salvation (He that believeth hath eternal life). As for the watch that keeps the time here and there, I want us to know that God is timeless (a day to Him is as a thousand years or a thousand years as a day) and that we have only one lifetime to proclaim His wonderful Son.

This is the last Christmas of the 60's, now we face the Christmas of the 70's unchangeable Lord ("the first, the last, and the living One"); the same Lord that was and is "The same yesterday, to-day, and forever." "Glory to God in the highest and on the earth peace and good will to all men."

When we get to the point of having "Glory to God in the highest" in our own hearts, this is CHRISTMAS COUNTRY and we begin to reach the end of our journey; it is not far to Christmas—in fact, it is Christmas.

Names In The News

Rev. Jimmy McHann was ordained to the ministry November 9 at Paul Church, Cascilla. Rev. J. Doyle



Caples, Derna, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. G. E. Jolley, superintendent of missions, Tallahatchie Association, delivered the charge to the church. W. C. Miller, deacon at Paul, presented a Bible from the church members. Mr. McHann, who has served as interim pastor at Paul since July 21, 1968, is now pastor there. His wife, Clydean, teaches an Adult Sunday School class, and his daughter, Brenda, is church pianist. He has another daughter, Teresa.



Louis Criswell has accepted the position of minister of music—youth at Immanuel Church, Cleveland, moving from Earle Church, Earle, Arkansas, where he held a similar position. Native of Tupelo, he is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, with a degree in sacred music. Mr. Criswell is the former Georgia Dunlap of Paducah, Kentucky.

Rev. Orbie Adrian (Sonny) Evans was ordained to the ministry on November 9 at Providence Church near



Carrollton, Rev. Benie Watson, pastor. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Orbie Lee Evans, he is married to the former Glenda Armstrong of Winona. He is now pastor of the New Salem Church, Carroll County, and lives in North Carrollton. During a revival at Providence Church last April, under the preaching of Rev. Pete Collins of Winona, Mr. Evans dedicated his life to the ministry.

Charles Carter, Director of the Building Service Department of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, attended the Southeastern District Council meeting in Memphis, November 13-14 of the National Executive Housekeepers Association.

Rev. J. Garland McKee, native of Greenville, and now pastor of Istouma Church, Baton Rouge, La., was elected first vice-president of the Louisiana State Baptist Convention. Istouma was the host church for the convention this year.

Donald Winters, Dean of the School of Music at William Carey College, represented the school at the Forty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the National Association of Schools of Music in Los Angeles, California this past Monday through Wednesday, November 24-26.

William Robert (Bobby) Partridge surrendered to the ministry on July 11, at Pine Grove Church, Heidelberg, and was licensed at



Beacon Church, Hattiesburg, on November 23. A freshman at Clarke College, he is the son of Reverend and Mrs. W. O. Partridge. His father is pastor at Beacon Church.

Owen Cooper, Chairman of the Board of Blue Cross—Blue Shield for the past four years, will be leaving the Board at the annual meeting of the corporation early next year. At the recent meeting of the Board in Jackson, plans were discussed for the rotation of Board membership and officers. "The growing responsibilities of this community organization prompted the Board to initiate a system of rotation of officers and members of the Board," Mr. Cooper stated.

Lawn Haven Church, Jones Association, recently called Danny Bender as minister of music. He had been supplying this office since September 1. Danny is music major at Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Bender of Laurel. Rev. J. R. Boutwell is the pastor of Lawn Haven Church.



FIVE AT NEW SARDIS Church, Smith County, have earned Sunday school perfect attendance pins for over five years. Back row, left to right: Mrs. Euter West, seven years; Mrs. Dorothy Almsworth, eight years; Neva Jane McAlpin, five years; front row, (Becky Sullivan, two years); and Jeff Sullivan, seven years.

Dr. Harold O. J. Brown, theological secretary of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students in Lausanne, Switzerland, will speak Monday night, Dec. 8, in Nelson Auditorium at Mississippi College. His lecture will begin at 8 p.m. and the public is invited. This will be the first in two such special lectures planned by the Division of Religion, according to Dr. W. W. Stevens.

Arthur Smith, country and western musician and producer of a number of syndicated radio and television programs, was honored Friday (Nov. 7) for his service to his church and denomination as a leading layman in Charlotte, N. C. He received the seventh annual Southern Seminary Foundation Award from the Foundation which is composed of Christian laymen associated with Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The award presentation was made at Louisville, Ky., where the seminary is situated. The presentation of the award highlighted the three-day Christian Laymen's Forum which ended Friday (Nov. 7) at the seminary.

"Shadows Disappear When We Face The Son"

By Evelyn Pickering

The first time I met "Miss Eva" she was on one of her missions of cheer, visiting my mother who was discouraged because of after effects from a recurrent illness. At once her sweet smile and happy laughter impressed me. A glow of kindness radiated from her as if she was lit from within by a God-kindled spark. Afterward the story mother related to me was amazing. For years "Miss Eva" had often been hospitalized, undergoing treatment for a serious disease. Even while cheering others she was unable to walk unless supported by a steel brace, reaching from her neck

to below her hips.

"Miss Eva," as affectionately known by a host of friends, is an elderly lady past seventy-five years. For more than 50 years she has been the devoted wife and companion of R. C. Davis. Both she and her husband are active church workers. For years they have been honored as charter members at their local church in Tupelo, Mississippi.

This Christian home was blessed with only one child, a noble young man who served the Lord in many capacities. Surely God had a greater work in heaven for Fred Davis; one day without warning a sudden heart

attack carried his spirit Home. This was the most grievous blow "Miss Eva" had experienced. She was hospitalized at that time and unable to view the body of her beloved son or attend his funeral. It was four weeks or longer before the doctors allowed her to visit the cemetery where her son had been laid to rest.

In 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Paul wrote, "God of all comfort, comforts us in our afflictions so we may be able to comfort those in affliction." Like God more effectively than before. Paul, Mrs. Davis was submissive to her Master's will and was soon serving. She became a part-time Sunday

school teacher, assisted in distributing religious magazines to the aged and shut-ins, and frequently visited the suffering and sorrowing. Because Mrs. Davis had borne pain bravely for years and recently lost her only child, she was now more capable of sympathizing with others in trouble. The unusual manner this Christian lady uses to tithe is inspirational. In her pantry or freezer is reserved a "tithing space" and as nine jars or packs of food are stored for their use, one is placed on her tithing shelf. Whenever Mrs. Davis hears of illness in the community or a family in need, she packs a basket with the tithed

food. Often a choice bit of her own good cooking is added.

After Fred Davis' death a Memorial Fund was set up in the church, he had faithfully served, bearing the name of the young man. This fund was used to educate a lovely Chinese girl at Blue Mountain College. "Miss Eva" lost a son, but gained a devoted daughter. Carrie Lai Lee, the Chinese girl, became a regular week-end and holiday visitor in the Davis home. Lovely school clothes were sewed for her by this unselfish child of God. Home-made cookies and candy were frequently given her adopted daughter while Carrie attended Blue Mountain.

Several years later Carrie Lai and her Chinese sweetheart from Hong

Kong married. After both graduated from the University of California they returned for a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Davis. On Sunday Carrie Lai eloquently but humbly related her life's story to the Sunday school class. The congregation was delighted when her husband sang an inspiring solo at church services. Recently, the Chinese couple presented the Davis' with a grand-daughter they have accepted as their own.

Why has "Miss Eva" been able to reach other lonely and afflicted people and help them overcome darkness and despair? "Because I strive to show them there is always a sunny side to life," she explains. "When we look forward and continue to face the SON, shadows quickly disappear."

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Mrs. Byron Mathis, director of the choir, composed the script and arranged the musical settings for the dramatic scenes. The white-gloved choir, under black lights, will form replicas of the huge mural of "The Praying Hands," painted on silk illusion within an antique "Durer" dated picture frame, made by members of the choir. Live characters will be presented as hewn marble statues in scenes behind the silk illusion.

Leading personnel of the program are from left to right: Mrs. Van Graham, pianist; Beth Ann Ramsey, church educational secretary, chair-

man of the choir's special program committee; Rev. James Miller, associate pastor, narrator; Jim Hawkins, organist; Buddy Mathis, narrator and trumpet player; Mrs. Jim Burkes, chairman of the dramatic and scenery committee; Jimmy Wilson, choir president; Mrs. Byron Mathis, director of the choir and program. Not pictured is art director, Doug Roberson.

Rev. Byron Mathis is pastor.

Pastor, 1st Yazoo City, To Direct "Messiah"

The Mozart Music Club of Yazoo City, announces their biennial presentation of Handel's "The Messiah" which is set for Sunday, December 7, 7:00 p.m., in the sanctuary of First Church, Yazoo City.



Directing the 50-voice community chorus and the orchestra this year will be Rev. James F. Yates, pastor, First, Yazoo City. The chorus is composed of church choir members and other musicians from throughout Yazoo City and County.

Featured soloists include Mrs. Liles B. (Ruth Ann) Williams, soprano, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Richard H. Dyess, Jr., Jackson, alto soloist; Rev. R. L. Sigrest, Jr., Yazoo City, tenor; and Cecil Harper, minister of music, First Church, Jackson, bass soloist.

Revival Dates

Northeast, Meridian: December 7-12; Rev. W. Bryan Abel, evangelist; Rev. Leonard Holloway, pastor; services at 7 p.m. (During his ministry of forty years in three churches—Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian, First, Collins, and First, Noxapater, Mr. Abel has preached in 263 revivals and baptized more than a thousand people.)

Off The Record

Tit for Tat

Two casual golf acquaintances were walking toward the green when they sighted two women coming over the hill.

First golfer: "Here comes my wife with some hag she's picked up somewhere."

Second golfer: "And here comes mine with another."

Rationale

Munching a large carrot, the man was asked, "Do you really think those things improve your eyesight?" "I don't know," replied the man, "but I've never seen a rabbit wearing glasses."

Eager to Please

Young Eric was playing in his first piano recital. Although only six years old, he played so well that he was asked to do an encore.

"Well, son, how did you do?" his father asked when the boy returned home.

"Gee, dad, I thought I did all right," Eric said, "but they made me do it again."

Fairview Dedication Day

Fairview Church, Rt. 1, Golden, announces that December 7 will be dedication day for the new church, and will include noteburning ceremonies. A special service will begin at 2 p.m.

Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. R. H. Thompson, the church building was completed August 1, 1968, with approximate indebtedness of \$20,000. In addition, the church has bought new pews, a piano, and a central air and heat system. The young people were active in raising funds for a new organ.

Mt. Zion 10 Years Old

Mount Zion Church, Rankin County, will have its ten-year anniversary service Sunday, December 7. The church was organized Dec. 7, 1958, with 48 charter members. There are now 98 members.

Rev. Glynn Wiggins, the first pastor, will bring the dedication message Sunday morning for the two-story building just completed.

Lunch will be served at the church, and at 1:15 the afternoon service will begin. (There will not be a night service.) Former pastors, music directors, and members are invited, states Rev. T. C. Pinson, pastor.

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